PUBLIC NOTICE

PERMIT APPLICATION: NRS #04.227

APPLICANT: State of Tennessee

Department of Transportation

Environmental Planning and Permits Division

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615/253-2477

LOCATION: State Route 196 from near abandoned railroad to SR-15.

Fayette County

WATERSHED DESCRIPTION: The Cypress Creek watershed consists of numerous straightened and entrenched tributaries. Land use is predominantly rural residential/agriculture. The affected tributaries are primarily silt/sand bottomed and vary approximately 9 to 12 feet wide with 4 – 6 foot banks. The existing vegetation along the stream channel is mainly black willow, locust, and red oak.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The applicant proposes to relocate an existing 0.752 mile portion of SR-196. This would involve the stream encapsulations and impacts to wetlands.

Station 312+00+/- (Lt.) to Sta. 318+75+/-(Lt.): Wetlands and Unnamed tributary to Cypress Creek. The applicant proposes to permanently impact (fill) 0.208 acre and temporarily impact 0.061 acre of wetlands. Debiting, at a 4:1 ratio, 0.83 acre of wetland credits at the Wolf River Wetland Mitigation Bank. Returning the affected area to original elevation and planting hydrophilic plant species shall mitigate temporary impacts. Existing conditions consist of 348 ft. of open stream channel and 214 ft. of 30" culvert. The applicant proposes to extend the existing culvert by an additional 25 ft. plus 13 ft. of head wall. Associated with this impact is 161 ft. of 18-inch concrete pipe at Station 313+50.07 (Rt.) plus 16 ft. of type 'U' end walls and the removal of 30 ft. of existing pipe and 9 ft. of existing headwall at Sta. 169+00.88.

Standard erosion control devices would be used to prevent sediment from entering flowing water. Upon completion of the work, all disturbed areas would be stabilized.

PERMIT COORDINATOR: Brian Canada, STATE OF TENNESSEE, Department of Environment and Conservation Division of Water Pollution Control, 7th Floor, L&C Annex, 401 Church Street, Nashville, Tennessee 37243-1534

USGS TOPOGRAPHIC QUADRANGLE: Oakland, TN (416-NE).

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: The application described above has been submitted for an Aquatic Resource Alteration Permit pursuant to *The Tennessee Water Quality Control Act of* 1977, T.C.A. §69-3-108.

The purpose of this notice is to advise all concerned of the proposal for which a permit is sought, and to solicit comments and information necessary to evaluate the probable impact of the activities upon the respective water resources. The decision whether to issue or deny will in part be based upon that evaluation. All factors that may be relevant to the proposals will be considered.

Persons wishing to comment on or object to the issuance of a proposed permit are invited to submit comments in writing to the Department of Environment and Conservation Division of Water Pollution Control at the address listed above. Written statements received in this office on or before the date of expiration of the comment period thirty days from the publication date of this notice will become part of the record and will be considered in the determination. The applicant's name and permit number should be referenced.

Interested persons may also request in writing that the director of the Division hold a public hearing on any application. The request must be filed within the comment period and must indicate the interest of the person requesting it, and the reasons that the hearing is warranted. When there is sufficient public interest, the director shall hold a hearing in accordance with Rule 1200-4-7-.04(4)(f).

After consideration of comments submitted during the public comment period, the hearing record if any, and the requirements of federal and State law, the director of the Division will make determinations regarding the final action on each permit. Permit applications, supporting documentation, and related comments are available for review and/or copying.



